



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10**

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March 21, 2019

Paramjit Hothi
Spokane Recycling Company, LLC
3548 Piper Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5A 3A9

Dear Mr. Hothi:

This letter is in follow-up to our February 22, 2019 phone conversation between you, Monica Tonel from EPA's Site Assessment program, and myself. Ms. Tonel and I contacted you as a follow-up to EPA's October 3, 2018 site visit at the Spokane Recycling Co. LLC property at 2111 East Hawthorne Road, Mead, WA 99218 (Site). More specifically we were notifying you that, as part of EPA's normal site evaluation process authorized under Section 104(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), we would like to return to the Site for a period of a few days this spring to conduct further investigation activities for purposes outlined in the Consent for Access To Property agreement you signed on October 2, 2018 (attached).

As you are likely aware, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) have requested EPA's assistance in investigating and, if necessary, mitigating several suspected environmental hazards on the Site. After numerous meetings and phone conversations last fall, Ecology and SRCAA expressed in a formal letter to EPA dated March 6, 2019 concerns that included but were not limited to:

- unknown pollutants in containers and waste piles, which pose a threat of release;
- the presence of the PCB Araclor 1268 that has been shown in previous investigations to be releasing from building materials to soil, stormwater catch basins and settling ponds, and potentially Deadman Creek;
- asbestos in building materials and debris that may be releasing to the environment;
- other contaminants such as PAHs and heavy metals, fluoride and sulfate; and
- inadequate site security, leading to risk of fire and/or risk of human exposure to contaminants by any persons accessing the property.

During the site walk we conducted on October 3rd, we observed and noted several of these same concerns.

During our February 22nd phone conversation, you stated you were now denying Site access to EPA, which you had previously granted with the signed consent for access form dated October 2, 2018. The primary goal of this letter is to clarify with you whether you are denying your consent for EPA access to the Site. EPA would like your continued cooperation to address threats to human health and the environment posed by the Site, and to ensure any such threats are properly characterized and mitigated.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to clarify your position regarding consent for EPA access to the Site.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Stanfield', with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

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CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Name:

PARAMJIT HOTTHI

Phone Number:

604-715-5056

Property Location:

Kaiser Property, Spokane WA

I hereby give consent to officers, employees, authorized representatives, contractors, and persons acting at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to enter and have access at reasonable times to the above referenced property ("Property") for the following purposes:

1. Collecting soil, water, and air samples;
2. Sampling materials stored or disposed of on the Property;
3. Taking other actions related to the investigation of surface or subsurface contamination;
4. Taking photographs;
5. Conducting response actions at the Property, including the removal of hazardous materials and contaminated items from the Property, and the evaluation, consolidation, and preparation for transport and disposal of hazardous materials and contaminated items on or from the Property; and
6. Taking any other response action deemed necessary by EPA to protect the public health or welfare or the environment.

I recognize that these actions by EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement authorities contained in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, *et seq.*

This written permission for access is given by me voluntarily with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

October 2, 2018
Date

Paramjit Hotthi
Signature

Owner of Spokane Recycling
Title (i.e., owner, tenant, company executive, etc.)
Co.
LLC.